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1. Mehmet Shehu, Prime Minister of Albania, and Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the Albanian Workers' (Communist) Party, submitted their resignations on 10 October 1955, after a stormy three-day session with Marshal Konstantin Rokossovskiy of the Soviet Union on the normalization of relations with Yugoslavia. 25X1
2. Marshal Rokossovskiy arrived in Tirana by air on 7 October 1955, after Mehmet Shehu had made bitter accusations against Yugoslavia in reply to Moscow's request for a decision on the normalization of relations with the Tito Government. In the presence of Enver Hoxha and other Politburo members, Marshal Rokossovskiy demanded that Mehmet Shehu either submit to Moscow's demands or resign. All members of the Politburo, with the exception of General Beqir Balluku and Hysni Kapo, joined Shehu by submitting their resignations. Hoxha submitted his resignation only after learning that Tito would not sanction his continuing in a position of leadership in any new Albanian Government. 25X1
3. Marshal Rokossovskiy accepted all the resignations and declared that on 28 October 1955, Ramadan Citaku will succeed Shehu in carrying out the normalization of relations with Yugoslavia. 25X1

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Comment:

Enver Hoxha and Mehmet Shehu have been attending to their official duties during the month of October apparently uninterrupted by the alleged events reported above. On October 1 they attended a reception at the Chinese Legation; on October 10 they officiated at the opening ceremonies of Albanian-Soviet Friendship Month; on October 12 they attended a concert given by Soviet artists; on October 13 they were present at the Fourth Congress of the Albanian Women's Union; on October 21 Shehu addressed a meeting in Shkoder and on October 24 Hoxha received a group of Soviet artists. Meanwhile the Principal Commission established by the Albanian-Yugoslav Convention for preventing and settling frontier incidents has been meeting in Titograd during October 11 to 15

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